

## Elora Ladies 3-Pitch Rules

1. Elora Ladies 3-Pitch is a FUN league. Please HAVE FUN!
2. Any rules not covered in this rule-set will defer to NSA Canada Slow-Pitch Rules.
3. All games will be played at the Elora arena "B" diamond (across from the arena).
4. Team members must be at the diamond 15 minutes before game time.
5. If a team is unable to field a team of at least 8 of their own players 15 minutes after game time, it is considered sportsmanlike courtesy for the opposing team to share players if able.
6. A team may not have more than 12 players when picking up players.
7. If a team does not have 9 players, they may acquire a person who is not a league member. Non-league members must pay \$5.00 per game played.
8. Proper footwear is necessary. No spikes, metal cleats, or open toed footwear may be worn.
9. Players must inform their captains prior to 4pm on Thursday if they are unable to attend the game. They must try to arrange for their own replacement.
10. A batter has three pitches to hit a ball into fair territory. If a batter hits a foul ball on their third pitch, they are out.
11. No intentional bunting.
12. If a hit ball makes contact with the pitcher, the batter is out, and runners on base cannot advance. If a hit ball makes contact with the screen, the play is considered dead.
13. No lead offs. The runner may only leave the base after the batter has made contact with the ball. If they leave before contact is made, they are out.
14. A runner may be substituted due to injury. The batter must reach at least first base before a substitution takes place. The replacement runner must be the last out for the batting team. If there are no outs in the current inning, the last out from the previous inning will be used.
15. No sliding.
16. A commitment line (hog line) will be drawn between third base and home plate. Once a runner crosses this line, they may not retreat to third base, and must continue to home plate.
17. A line will be drawn horizontally from home plate to the back stop as a "safe line". Runners must pass over this line without touching home plate. If the runner touches home plate, they are out.
18. Absolutely no tagging between the commitment line and the safe line by the catcher. If the catcher touches the runner, the runner is safe. The catcher must only step on home plate.
19. A ball being thrown in from the outfield with intent to end a play, must be thrown to an infielder prior to the pitcher. The pitcher does not have to catch a ball thrown directly from the outfield.
20. INFIELD FLY RULE IS IN EFFECT. When there are runners on first and second base with less than 2 outs, and the batter hits a fly ball in the infield, the batter is out. The runners may advance at their own risk.
21. Five run mercy or three outs ends an inning. The last inning of the game will be called an open inning (no maximum runs mercy). A mercy can be called to end the game by the trailing team if they are trailing by 10 or more runs. This mercy will trump the open inning run limit.
22. Players will be contacted by their captains if the game is to be cancelled due to weather.
23. No intentional stalling of the game is allowed.
24. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> games of the season, the teams may be adjusted to balance team skills.
25. Equipment is the property of Elora Ladies 3-Pitch League. The captain is responsible for making sure the equipment is at every game.
26. THE UMPIRES WORD IS FINAL. Do not argue with the umpire. The umpire has the right to eject any player for bad language, unsportsmanlike conduct, or any other offence they deem objectionable.
27. The Executive Committee of the Elora Ladies 3-Pitch League is committed to the success of this league. If you have a comment or suggestion for the betterment of the league, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the executive.